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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No.	F-286
	First Inventor	Ralph;
	Title	Intervertebral Spacer Device Having a Slotted Partial Circular Domed Arch Strip Spring
	Express Mail Label No.	ER005068795US

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102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
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109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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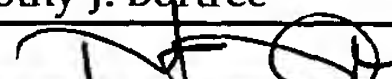
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147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
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121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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